7. Many important projects have been taken up for economic development of the State. The work on the Oil Refinery at Numaligarn is nearing completion. The gas pased power project at Kathalguri has also been commissioned.

8. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur and the other at Silchar, have been set up.

9. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.

Other Issues

10. The Power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.

11. Out of 158 Kms. of border fencing sanctioned along Assam-Bangladesh border, 134.36 kms. of fence has been completed till 31.12.98.

ISI Plan to blow up US consulates in Chennai and Calcutta

223. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress in investigations into the reported ISI plan to blow up the US consulates in Chennai and Calcutta during the Repulic Day celebrations;

(b) whether this has also been brought to the notice of the US Government; and

(c) if so, their reaction therto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Investigations into the reported ISI plan to blow up the US consulates in Chennai and Calcutta are still being pursued by the Delhi, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu Police.

(b) and (c) Concerned US agencies were also associated in interrogation and were appreciative of all the initiatives taken by the Indian security agencies in this regard.

Accidental Deaths on Roads

224. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed on the roads in the country during the last three years and during 1999, so far, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(b) the causes of these accidents and what steps have been taken to check such accidents;

(c) whether cases of hit and run accidents are on the increase; and

(d) if so, how many cases were solved the action taken in respect of them and the steps taken to solve the other cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Available information in regard to the number of persons killed in road accidents during the years 1995, 1996 and 1997 is given in the enclosed statement *(See* below) Similar information for the year 1998 and onwards is not yet available.

Many factors are responsible for road accidents. These include, inter alia, ignorance/disobedience of traffic rules, overspeeding, rash and negligent driving, mechanical failure of vehicles, drunken driving, absence of traffic signals, lack of traffic discipline, etc.

'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of lndia, it is primarily for the State Governments to take such steps as are necessary to reduce road accidents. The Central Government, however, provides financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.

Statement

No. of persons Killed in Road Accidents during 1995, 1996 & 1997

Sl. No.	State/UT	1995	1996	1997
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5814	7194	8395
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	85	101	70
3.	Assam	674	714	691
4.	Bihar	2539	2596	2250
5.	Goa	237	220	223
6.	Gujarat	4097	4607	4835
7.	Haryana	2000	1563	1981
8.	Himachal Pradesh	673	709	718
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	430	593	2054
10.	Karnataka	5557	4865	5583
11.	Kerala	2720	2780	2698
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5556	4938	4910
13.	Maharashtra	8721	8712	7934
14.	Manipur	111	99	105
15.	Meghalaya	116	89	61
16.	Mizoram	66	82	32
17.	Nagaland	51	99	58
18.	Orissa	1675	1693	1739
19.	Punjab	852	1041	783
20.	Rajasthan	3933	4260	5448
21.	Sikkim	56	30	24
22.	Tamil Nadu	8773	9028	8755
23.	Tripura	135	136	147
24.	Uttar Pradesh	8079	7881	8688
25.	West Bengal	2802	3144	3364
	TOTAL STATE	65752	67174	71546
26.	A & N Islands	22	13	16
27.	Chandigarh	103	128	149
28.	D & N Haveli	21	34	40
29.	Daman & Diu	25	15	14
30.	Delhi (UT)	2288	2328	2304
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	140	108	135
	TOTAL (UTs)	2599	2626	2658
	TOTAL ALL-INDIA	68351	69800	74204